this system of medicine without the concurrence of the IMC; and

(d) whether the Society for Advance Studies in Medical Science, New Delhi has also been detected as an agency in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Precise information on the number of unqualified medical practitioners in the country is not available with the Government. Penal provisions already exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 as well as in the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to the effect that no person other than a medical practitioner enrolled on the State Medical Register shall practise medicine in any State and any person contravening this provision shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extended to one year or with fine which may extend to Rs. 1000/- or both.

(c) Such organisations obviously operate in a clandstine manner and the Government are not aware of their existence.

(d) An inquiry was conducted by the Delhi Police in October, 1982 into the affairs of this Society and it was concluded that no cognizable offence was made out. However, the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 is being amended with a view to making it mandatory to obtain prior approval of the Medical Council before starting any Training Course for award of medical degrees.

**Payment of compensation to the relations of victims of Kanishka plane crash**

2516. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of relations of the victims of Kanishka plane air crash has been given compensation so far;

(b) the number of claims that remain to be settled; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in the settlement of these claims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) In the Kanishka plane air crash, 307 passengers and 22 crew members died. Till 13th February, 1987. 87 cases of compensation in respect of passengers and 21 of crew members have been settled fully. In addition, in seven cases, partial settlement has been effected.

(b) and (c) Compensation cases in respect of 213 passengers and one crew member are pending due to litigation by the claimants.

**Urdu publication**

2517. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a book entitled as 'Arabon ke Tarikh' has been published by the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the publication has not yet been put for sale;

(c) whether this book contains any objectionable matter;

(d) if so, the reasons for which the manuscript could not be scrutinised before publication; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against officers of the Bureau responsible for the publication of such book?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The book, 'Arabon Ke Tareekh' was got printed in 1982 by the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu. The book is the translation of the Original in English, 'History of Arabs', written by P. K. Hitti.